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NATIONAL MISSION FOR MANUSCRIPTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the National Mission for Manuscripts in collaboration with UNESCO has drawn up guidelines for more access to archives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKASONI}

(a) to (c) The National Mission for Manuscripts is collaborating with UNESCO (India Office) on a short-term project on `Development of Legal and Policy Frameworks, and Protocols for Promoting Equitable Access to Documentary Heritage, relevant to India and South Asian Countries.` The project examines the provisions for the accession and transmission of manuscripts in the possession of State and digital copies of manuscripts from various repositories, through a clear understanding between the holder of the manuscript and the Mission on the legal rights of each party.